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In re Application of: Kajita Kunijuki )  
Application No. 10/018,658 )  
Filed: December 21, 2001 )  
For: ENCODING/DECODING DEVICE )  
AND ENCODING/DECODING )  
METHOD )

**DECISION ON PETITION  
FOR ACCELERATED  
EXAMINATION UNDER  
M.P.E.P. §708.02(VIII)**

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration, filed March 2, 2004 of the decision mailed January 20, 2004 denying the grant of special status based on M.P.E.P. §708.02, Section VIII.

M.P.E.P. §708.02, Section VIII which sets out the prerequisites for a grantable petition for Accelerated Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) states in relevant part:

A new application (one which has not received any examination by the examiner) may be granted special status provided that applicant (and this term includes applicant's attorney or agent) complies with each of the following items:

(a) Submits a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h);

(b) Presents all claims directed to a single invention, or if the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.

(c) Submits a statement(s) that a pre - examination search was made, listing the field of search by class and subclass, publication, Chemical Abstracts, foreign patents, etc. A search made by a foreign patent office satisfies this requirement;

(d) Submits one copy each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and

(e) Submits a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion points out, with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

Applicant's submission filed February 24, 2004, corrects the deficiencies noted in the previous

decision of mail date January 20, 2004. The combined submissions now meet all the criteria set out above, accordingly, the Petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file is being forwarded to the Examiner of Record for accelerated examination according to the procedures set forth in M.P.E.P. §708.02, Section VIII.



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